

# Family petitions Ondo police over killing of mother of 3

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**T**HE family of late Mrs Sarah Ajesi, who was knocked down by a vehicle in Akure, Ondo State capital, has raised questions on the investigation by the Ondo State Police Command into the circumstances surrounding the death of the mother of three.

Mrs Ajesi was allegedly knocked down and killed by a learner-driver at Irese Road in Akure on 18th July, 2022, but the family alleged that the police had not done anything about it, even though the case was reported at the police station and the suspects arrested.

In a petition by the family's lawyer, Mr Ibukun Fasanmi, he stated that the family was not pleased with the way the police command was handling the case and that it was seeking justice and ensuring

the matter was not swept under the carpet.

Fasanmi explained that the deceased and her husband were knocked down, but that the husband survived the accident.

According to him, the two persons in the vehicle were arrested but the owner of the vehicle had not been arrested and no further action has allegedly been taken by the police on the matter.

The lawyer said the family had written a letter to the state Commissioner of Police, Mr Oyeyemi Oyediran, asking him to intervene in the matter to ensure justice was achieved.

He said: "The gruesome murder of Mrs. Sarah Ajesi by the duo of one Mr. Wale and his friend is most unfortunate and calls for dispassionate investigation and prosecution, to say the least.

"By a letter dated 26th July, 2022, we have called on the

Commissioner of Police Ondo State to wade into the matter with a view to reviewing all the noticed lapses delaying the proper investigation and prosecution of the matter.

"The corpse is still in the morgue awaiting justice.

"It is understood that Mr. and Mrs Ajesi had gone to work and on their way home around 4:00pm on the 18th day of July, 2022, they were knocked down by a vehicle registered as a commercial van with number plate RBC 867 XD.

"While Mr. Ajesi managed to get up from the ground after a terrible fall, the vehicle reversed and crushed Mrs. Ajesi's head thus causing her death.

"Though it is understood that two of the culprits, that is the woman that drove and the man tutoring her are currently in the police custody, we hereby call for the arrest and prosecution

of Udoka Okeke, who gave out his car for such an unlawful venture that caused the untimely death of the deceased."

Fasanmi called on all those concerned to do the needful and ensure that justice was served, "to forestall the threats of protest against the handling of this case by the police."

The Police Public Relations Officer, (PPRO) Mrs Funmilayo Odunlami, who confirmed the matter, said the case could not be swept under the carpet, saying the command would act since the lawyer had petitioned the CP.

"There is nothing like sweeping under the carpet in this kind of case. If the lawyer has written to the CP, he can follow it up by coming to my office to check if the letter has been treated. We shall do our best on the matter," the PPRO stated.